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> [For the Pacific Commercial Advertiser.] The Belle of the Ball. (APTER A-N, ENQ.)

If you're not busy, come and help me, come and help me, mother To dress me for the last ball I shall attend this year; The last one of the senson, mother, the very last of all ;

For I shall be belle of the ball, mother, I shall be belle of the

There's many a sylph-like form, they say, but none so lithe a There's Margaret and Mary, and Kate and Caroline;

by I shall be beile of the ball, mother, I shall be belle of

Fre been so crossed all day, mother, that I fear I shall be late, There's nothing done, 'tis four o'clock, and now I'll have to

for none waltees like Matilda, is sure agreed by all ;

in the buil-I shall be belie of the ball, mother, I shall be belle of the ball. As I was out a shopping, whom think you I should see,

But Charley Hinton of the guards, who crossed the street to me could not but admire him, mother, he was so straight and tall; I shall be belle of the ball, mother, I shall be belle of the ball.

He thought I acted strange, mother, and I knew my face was

Was heated with excitement, as from shop to shop I'd rushed;-In warch of pine and ribbons, to put on my waterfall: I shall be belle of the ball, mother, I shall be belle of the ball. They say he's only flirting, mother, that engaged we'll never be,

They say he's got no heart, mother, but what is that to me; Pm only flirting with him, as I flirt with one and all: I shall be belle of the ball, mother, I shall be belle of the ball. Let Eifle come with me, mother, to help me dress my hair,

And see about my jewels, and which of them I'll wenr; The sett you gave to me, mother, or those I bought last fall: I shall be beile of the ball, mother, I shall be beile of the ball. VIII There's a jusmine round the door, mother, has twined its wavy

Will you go down below, mother, and pick me of its flowers; Some of its brightest blossoms, that grow against the wall: I shall be belle of the ball, mother, I shall be belle of the ball. The night is coming on, mother, for I saw the fellow pass,

That runs about the streets at dusk, and lights them up with gas And the stars are peeping out, mother, above the chimneys tall: I shall be belie of the bail, mother, I shall be belle of the ball. Now hurry, mother, do and come and help me if you can, I have been two hours already, since to dress I first began, I'm sure that I'll be late, mother, I'll be the last of all:

But, I shall be belie of the ball, mother, I shall be belie of th So you must come and help me, come and help me, mother dear To dress me for the last ball, I shall attend this year; The last one of the season, mother, the very last of all: I must be beile of the ball, mother, I must be beile of the ball.

Our Island Correspondence.

SKETCHES OF HAWAII. From Walmea to Hilo.

HILO, HAWAII, September, 1867. We left the temporary, but commodious pili Court House, at the residence of the Clerk and District Judge, George K. Lindsay, Esq., and galloped over the green ascending plain-Lanikepu in the Hawaiian language-to Puloa, where we enjoyed a sumptuous lunch at the hospitable mansion of Francis Spencer, Esq. The ever active Harry Purdey, always at home in the saddle, and ready to accommodate with the very best borses the plain affords, was there. He would

forget self at any time to be useful to a friend; brightening with society, brilliant and spiritual with good cheer, the sun of his genial and social disposition is never in the least clouded, though "his tongue is touched with a tip of the brogue," for he has "ne'er a bit at all of the blarney." From his penchant for horses, we verily believe he must be a relative, if not the very same Purdey that rode the celebrated race-horse " Eclipse." Being well mounted, and bidding adjeu to our

generous friends at Puloa, we struck north-eastward over the green sodded, lawn-like valley, through which gurgled and flashed a stream of bright water that irrigates the lands of Waikolou. We crossed this, and ascending a wave-like elevation in the plain, had a grand view of a widespread scene. To the left extended the green, rounded and wood-erowned ridge of the Kohala mountains, resembling in their outline the great chain of the Cordilleras in North America, in approaching them from the wide prairie plains of the west. The grand and regular dome of Mauna Kea rose in our front, with a bright crown of snow on its summit, while midway down a belt of white fleecy clouds encircled it like a zone; the golden sunlight of evening streamed upon it, and tinted the snow with a roscate glow. Farther to the right, bathed in the golden wave, the regular dome of Mauna Lon looked grand and imposing, while the less lofty Hualahi seemed to rise sheer up from the sea, beyond the deep cove of Puako. Around was the emerald plain, with occasional houses, the white church at Waikoloa thoughts had wing. Passing fine herds, numer-(the Rev. Lorenzo Lyons'), a few scattered trees and numerous flocks and herds. There was a a noble bull that would have made a model for a a century ago, it was occupied by him as a cattle bright pond to the right of the road, fed by a pure picture, or would have taken the prize at a cattle station and dairy; and when we snuffed the flavor tream of fresh water; and high up to the left, on show, we ascended the green slope and alighted of the julep-reminding mint, we could not but the side of the Kohala mountain, was a pretty lit- in the bright gleaming of the evening at Paauhau, tle cottage, quietly nestled in a beautiful grove. We paused but a moment to gaze upon the scene, and the evidence of former cultivation and population where none now exists, and then dashed on across the land of Puukapu. This is all fertile and lies beautifully, is well situated for cultivation, but is fast becoming a desert. The immense herds of almost useless and destructive sheep have broken and cut up the sod and the surface soil, and brought decay and death to the rain-attracting forest, which appears cold, dry and wintry in its desolation. The cattle and horses have also aided in this work of destruction, and if some remedy is not applied-if nothing can be done to arrest it, in a few years the wide and fertile plain from Waimea to the sea, and from the Kohala mountain to Mauna Kea, will be a treeless desert, with the trade wind sweeping storms of dust and sand over it like the simoons of Sahara or the khamseens of Barca. Already they come in miniature. Where the sod, and even the hardy fern and the underbrush are trampled, beaten, torn and enten away, the wind sweeps the light and porous soil into waves and banks, and creates

the base of Mauna Kea.

it produced a feeling of exhilaration of elasticity.

Our pulses bounded with new life, and the wildest

ous stone corrals, Mexican-like, without order, and

the residence of Mr. John P. Parker, ir. We

were welcomed with a generous hospitality, for

which the dwellers of mountain regions are ever

famed from the Swiss chamois hunter to the llama

keeper of the Central Andes. How grand, how

extensive was the scene! How magnificent the

view from this mountain home of the venerable

natriarch! To essay to describe it were vain. It

must be seen to be appreciated. Far beyond

Waimea and Kawaihae, the ocean glittered under

a bank of crimson clouds that deepened and dark-

ened toward the zenith. Like a grant Phoenix

arising out of the dying flame of its ashes, one

shadowy wing rested on Hualalai, the other on

the Kohala mountain. Sweeping the plain along

the Kohala range, by the dark, deep gorge of

Waipio, the sea surged up against the rocky walls

of Hamakua, on the cast, while to the north the

dome of Mauna Kea, with the rosy farewell of

dying day on its summit, smiled over its belt of

cloud and forest covered slopes. The evening

wind made music in the forest trees, and the wild

of Hawaii, with a feeling of sadness, of sorrow

Crowned with the hoary diadem of years spent

in honorable usefulness, stricken by the wither-

ing hand of disease, more than the palsying in-

fluence of time, his paled face and brow, his dim-

We visited the room of the venerable patriarch

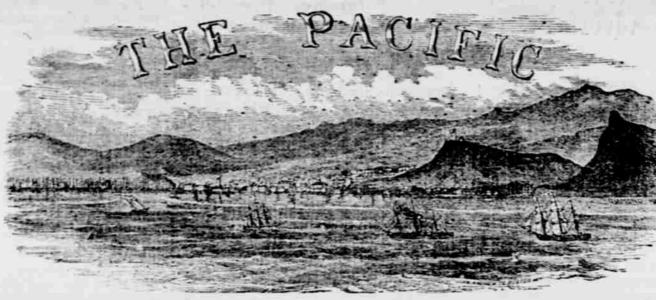
birds carolled their evening hymn.

be, if the destroying agency is not arrested. We felt sad; an irrepressible feeling of melancholly came over us as we rode over this grave of

parehed and thirsty deserts, and gives us a fore-

night of what ere long the whole wide plain will

verdure, this tomb of a dead forest, these ashes of med eye and bowed, yet manly form, awakened



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a dying fertility. Although too late to eradicate in us thoughts of the brevity of life, and the the evil, yet it may be partially remedied. A mutability of human hopes and ambition. Man's fatal chronic disease may be alleviated; life may short yet chequered journey from the cradle to be prolonged, though a radical cure can never be the grave; his existence on earth but a pendulum Sales Room on Queen Street, one door trom effected. It is so in the social and political sys- between a smile and a tear-a breath faintly tem. If we cannot now accomplish what should hovering between life and death; a life well spent have been done in 1848, let us do what we can here his only hope of a life hereafter, all rose now to arrest the fatal blight which is fast turn- in our mind to exhibit how fleet, how shadowy, ing the most beautiful agricultural districts of his hold upon earth! How vain are all the airy Hawaii into a desert. The Government owns visions of mortality !- the brightest rose-hued many fine lands in the districts of Kohala, Hama- hopes-the loftiest dreams of ambition! As we kun and Hilo. Let these be surveyed into see- gazed upon the bowed form before us, we could tions, and quarter sections, and even down as low not but think a life spent like his, who was honoras quarter-quarter sections of forty acres each; able in all his walks, just to himself and just to

let a minimum price be fixed for these lands ac- ail mankind, was far preferable to any career cording to their value; give a pre-emptive right to guided by vaulting ambition, although it might actual settlers and encourage immigration. Let bring what the world calls glory, honors, distincthe crown lands be surveyed and divided in the tion and wealth. Like a venerable oak that had same way, and though they cannot be sold, let braved the hurricanes and storms of more than them be farmed out in long leases, like the school three quarters of a century, and at last was withlands in many of the Western States of the Amer- ering before "Decay's effacing fingers," which ican Union-say for ninety-nine years to actual were sweeping each line where beauty lingers, so settlers and producers. Then a permanent popu- be appeared to us as we bade him a sad, and per-

lation will come into these Islands, who will be haps a last farewell! identified in interest with them; it will be the The gardens at Paauhau looked well. Potafatherland of their adoption. They will bring in- toes, cabbages, tomatoes, pumpkins, and vegetadustry, energy and capacity for developing the re- bles suited to a cool yet temperate climate, flourtarded and fast decaying resources of the Islands. ish without irrigation. There is moisture in the They will increase the revenue of the Government, rich soil and in the atmosphere, sufficient to prowhile they lessen its expenditures. This system | duce any kind of esculents or crops suited to this will bring permanent labor and laborers to our cool and elevated region. A sumptuous dinner shores of a higher race than the importations of and a refreshing night's sleep, prepared us for the the refuse of the pirate vessels on the coast of ride across the base of Mauna Kea to Laupahoe-

China. They will bring men to open roads and hoe, for the morrow. build bridges, because they will have an interest We rose with the dawn, greeted the sun and in public improvements, and thus lessen the road- were cheered by the glad singing of the wood-land tax and expenditures. They will bring a popula- birds that made the wild redolent with their song. tion who will improve the harbors, make moles The Depaty Attorney General and the Circui and break-waters, and thus increase the naviga- Judge of Hilo, with juvenile and exuberant tion of the Islands and the facilities of trade. spirits, and a wild desire to go through to Hilo They will make lands which are now unproductive in one day, started merrily by sunrise; but as we wastes, whiten with Sea Island cotton near the had long since passed the mile-stone of vanity on beach, while every glen will be made emerald with the journey of life, we concluded to take it coolly rich fields and radiant with tropical gardens; the and leisurely. We walked forth to an elevated high inland benches will be covered with sugar- knoll, took two sketches of the magnificent cane, and the chimneys and smoke of sugar mills scenery, enjoyed the glorious and exhilarating will rise over elevated and rich, but now desolate mountain air, returned for breakfast, and found mesas, where the wild dog roams after hungry that Harry had been tricked-our horses were

cattle. Higher up, beyond the region of the cane, not in the corral. around the mountain slopes and bases, coffee, more But Harry has plenty of resources, expedients fragrant than that of Mocha, will flourish at its and more horses, so after a few Hibernian blessproper elevation. Wheat, rye, oats and barley ings on the miscreart of a spalpeen, bad cess to will yield abundant harvests to supply not only him, who had turned the horses out, he vaulted these Islands with grain and bread, but all the into his saddle, secured over the plain and soon islands of the Pacific Ocean. The mill wheel will returned with others, better than those which esbe busy on every stream, and the people of these caped, with one colitary exception-the mouse-Islands will eat their own bread beneath their colored, fast walking Godolphin Arabian, that own vine and fig tree, without the necessity of im- carried the Judiciary. Fertile and accommoportation. Then, in that same elevated belt, po- dating Harry! We are afraid you will never tatoes, cabbage, onions, and all esculents and veg- hear the last of that mouse-colored pony, with etables of a temperate climate, will grow abund- the Baalam stripe extending along his back, from antly. Then, under such a system, the decay of mane to tail. Be all manes hunt him up and this forest will not only be arrested, but new make a prisint av im to the "Koort!"

groves and new trees will be planted, the sod will With kind adieus to friends and glad bright again cover the parched earth, and showers and eyes, we commenced our winding way over the moisture return. This is not a picture of fancy. north-eastern flank of Mauna Kea. Our route It is a sketch of changes that have been realized lay upward through glade and wood-land; dark Keep constantly on hand a full assortment of merchandise, for in other countries, and in less favored climates. forest groves and green grassy lawns succeeded Let it be tried in earnest, and we will assure the each other. The morning air whispered through people of Hawaii that before ten years the popu- the leaves and tossed the flowers and feathery fern lation of these Islands will increase to half a tops, the birds warbled from the boughs, the bees million of people, with a revenue increased in pro- hummed in the petals of the rosy and rainbow portion, without an additional dollar of expendi- blooms, and the golden sun-light penciled out the ture, except the mere cost of the survey, sale or many-hued foliage of the forest, and the grand lease of the lands, and the proceeds of these will buttresses and turrets of the mountain, still not only pay all of the expenses, but will place a draped with the white gossamer cloud. Ascendcurplus in the treasury, and the private purse of ing to the highest point-the summit level-the His Majesty, in return for the leased crown lands. forest became deeper and darker, and more tan-We paused a few minutes at the residence of our gled, the ferns as large as those of the carbonifriend Harry; it is on a high ridge of land in the ferous period, and we approached the region of plain, overlooking it from mountain to mountain, the clouds. They swept up from the sea around and from the sea at Kawaihae across the green us coolly enveloped us, shut out the sun-light plain of Waimen, and the skeleton of the dead, and left us to pursue our way over the rolling and the withering survivors of the dying forest, hills, while the atmosphere hung around us like by the deep gorge of Waipio, to where the waves a wet blanket. Passing the gulch or ravine of roll against the iron-bound coast of Hamakua. Hanapoi-nui, the growth of trees appeared to be In front, high up on the side of Mauna Kea, fresher and more vigorous than those we had among deep green woods, was the residence of passed, the woods were more open, the grassy John Parker, senior, the venerable patriarch of glades more extended, the fern more scattering, Hawaii, at Paauhau. Although, there are no and from all appearances we had passed the range running streams, yet the irrigating showers and of sheep and cattle. Strawberry vines were dews from heaven, keep the verdure bright around strewn thick over the glades, but the season of the fruit was past, occasionally ohelo or whortle-We rode across the rolling and ascending plain, berry bushes were seen, from which we plucked of rich brown soil, mixed with land shells that some fruit, rather dry and acid. The soil was resembled marl, passing herds of fat and fine extraordinary fertile on the whole route, and but looking cattle, among groves of woodland and few rocks-in fact none, except in the beds of the green grassy glades, that looked like the parks ravines of Hanapoi-iki and Hanapoi-nui, which and lawns of a highly cultivated country. We flow over purple porphyritic masses. We also could not repress the idea of looking for deer passed a wooded ravine where there was water bounding over the green wooded and gentle hills. and a former cattle station, on the land of Ka-The mountain air was cool, refreshing and balmy: mani.

We came to some rose bushes, an orange tree. ruins of a former dwelling (Kalapiliahi,) the odor of mint, which had the fragrance of juleps, as if from the grave of a F. F. V. and on enquiry of our guide, Harry, we found that a quarter of repeat the words of his favorite poet,

You may break, you may ruin the vase if you will, But the scent of the juleps will hang round the still." We were compelled to leave the roses "out in the cold," as Harry informed us that there was water in the ravine on the right. This was on the land of Kaohe. But we will puuse here and continue our journey in the next. Yours,

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